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WOMAN'S WORLD.

RAPID STRIDES OF THE EQUAL SUFFRAGE MOVEMENT.

Get Fashion's Consent—Miss Willard on a Wheel—Julia Ward Howe on Woman's Advance—One Washington Woman's Way—A Successful Corset Drummer.

It would not surprise some of us if at the beginning of 1900 every state in the Union admitted the justice of equal suffrage and passed laws placing women where they belong—on a political equality with men. Even the south, still cherishing the notion that women are exquisite infants, cannot much longer remain blind to the advantages to be derived from giving the ballot to educated women. Since the war these exquisite infants have been forced to earn their own living. Contact with the seamy side of the world knocks sentimentality out of women's heads and makes them realize the power of the ballot. That southern delegates to the recent woman's suffrage convention should have asked to have the next convention held in Atlanta and should have gained the victory over all rivals is a significant straw. I predict that the Atlanta convention will make more converts than any one convention ever yet made, and that when southern women go into politics their earnestness and enthusiasm will be unparalleled.

Whether New York heads a petition signed by 1,000,000 women to be presented to the legislature some months hence is not sure, but certain it is that the most brazen politicians cannot much longer deny the outrage to American born women of taxation without representation, while newly arrived immigrants without a dollar's interest in the country and less than a dollar's knowledge of our language march to the polls and say how the unrepresented shall be taxed. The scandals of the ballot box are so many and so unrepentant as to make the advent of woman a foregone conclusion. Massachusetts has at last given up the contest, and her 60,000 women majority can hereafter exercise municipal suffrage. On them has fallen a tremendous responsibility, and it behooves them to give the rest of the country an intelligent object lesson.

Republican institutions have practically broken down in our cities. Let the housekeepers of the nation come to the rescue. If with the ballot in their hands women permit the old evils to go on undiminished it will prove the truth of an eminent congressman's reply when asked whether he believes in woman's suffrage: "Of course I am a howling suffragan. I believe in the equality of the sexes, and you can't have equality without equal suffrage. If you ask me whether the millennium will arrive when women vote, then I answer no. Women need suffrage to complete their education, but the Lord help the country while they are being educated!"

May the women of Massachusetts disprove one of their best friends by demonstrating that their education is already completed and that they are prepared to clean out the Augean stables—Kate Field's Washington.

Get Fashion's Consent.

All advocates of dress reform agree that it must be made fashionable before it can become popular. And it looks now as if woman's suffrage was to profit by the same principle. The open book at Sherry's is receiving signatures rapidly, and talks in Fifth avenue drawing rooms are furthering the cause at a wonderful rate. At one of these talks the other afternoon Mrs. C. A. Runkle, a representative woman of the very best social life of the city, answered before a large gathering of women some of the most common objections to the woman's suffrage question.

Mrs. Runkle took up the points often raised that voting would unsex women; that going to the polls would be a most disagreeable experience, because of the rough element to be encountered; that voting women would quarrel with their husbands and the rest, which seem almost too absurd to be stated and yet which are arrayed as valid arguments against the movement very frequently.

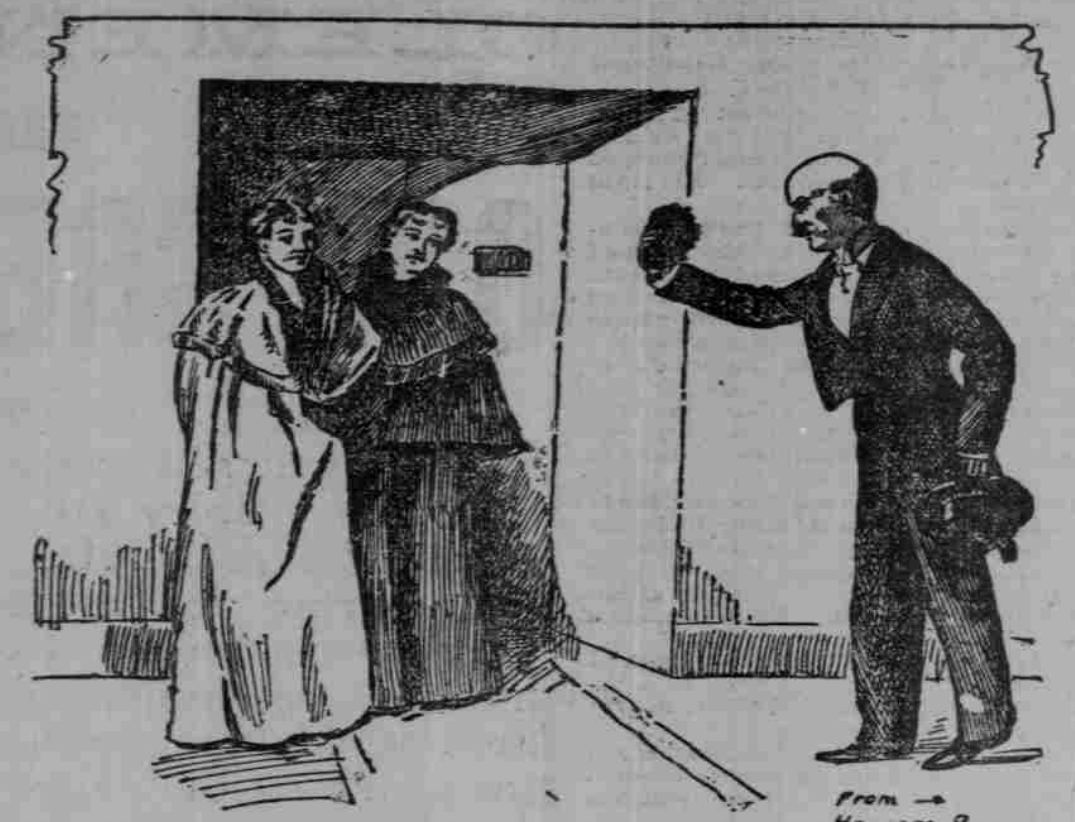
In the speaker's hands these questions seemed more than perfunctory and were quickly and conclusively disposed of. As to the issue whether women could fight if war were proclaimed, this appeared to Mrs. Runkle almost too ridiculous to consider. By voting woman did not propose to enter the battlefield any more than she would think of usurping men's other arduous duties.

Following Mrs. Runkle, Mrs. Montgomery, a graduate from Wellesley, made an address. This speaker claimed that the time was ripe for suffrage; that theoretically it was right, from a logical and philosophical point it was right, and in accordance with the laws of evolution it was right. Being sure the theory is right and having it demonstrated in practice leaves nothing to do or say. Woman has reached a point that calls for this step, and as she has not lost her femininity in her progress, nor has her physical or mental caliber suffered by her pioneering in various fields, it can hardly be possible she will be the loser by thinking and acting politically.—New York Times.

Miss Willard on a Wheel.

There is one famous American in England whom the N. C. U. dares not refuse permission to ride. That person is Miss Frances E. Willard of Chicago, known the whole country over through her connections with the Woman's Christian Temperance union. This lady is visiting Lady Somerset, and the English cycling papers are just beginning to speak about her. In a recent issue Bicycling News prints the following interview:

"Counting up all the old 10 minutes' turns, it has taken me 26 hours to learn to ride a bicycle. In October last I commenced, and in February I could ride quite alone. But I learned on the road and received hints and helps from young



The fact that Jarley is absent-minded as well as polite may account for his dreadful mistake at the opera the other night when he raised his wig to the Misses Van Stuyvebocker.

women friends who had but lately learned. I have been very cautious, for, you see, we older folks find our bones less pliable and more set than you younger ones. Therefore, if we fall, it is a much more serious business. I nearly broke my arm in turning a corner in the old tricycling days, and this has made me careful."

"What do you think about cycling as a pastime?"

"Why, I am enthusiastic over it and would think it a splendid thing if some of the royal ladies would take to it and thus bring it into fashion. But it will come gradually, for commercial men are realizing that it is profitable for them to make our safeties, and this urges men to advocate cycling for women in their own interests."

"How is dress reform in America?"

"Oh, we American women have more our own way than you English women, but not having such good roads as you have our dress reform as regards cycling may not come so soon, as cycling in England hath charms we cannot anticipate in America. But all women should be allowed freedom to dress in a workmanlike manner for whatever occupation they enter into, and in this we are not so handicapped as English women are, seeing that we generally do as we like in all these matters."

Mrs. Howe on Woman's Advance.

The wonderful advance in the condition of women which the last 30 years have brought about makes me a little diffident of my ability to prophesy concerning the future of the sex. At the beginning of the first of these decades few would have foretold the great extension of educational opportunities, the opening of the professions, the multiplication of profitable industrial pursuits, all of which have combined to place women before the world in the attitude of energetic, self-supporting members of society.

Even the vexed suffrage question has made great progress during the time specified, pushing itself slowly and steadily forward until in three states in the Union it has attained an impregnable position, while in several others it has a partial efficiency and recognition.

The changes which I foresee are all further developments of the points already gained. I feel assured that in the near future the co-operation of women in municipal and in state affairs will be not only desired, but demanded by men of pure and worthy citizenship.

Mothers, wives, sisters will no longer stand as suppliants before the state legislatures, asking that they may become politically the equals of men who profess to treat them as superiors, but who really combine to keep them in a state of perpetual minority.

The true progress of civilization is from the assumption of privilege to the recognition of right. In our country this progress already embraces the whole of one sex. The laws of moral equilibrium will speedily place the other sex in an equal condition, exalting the dignities of domestic life and making the home altar rich with the gifts of true patriotism and wise public spirit.—Julia Ward Howe.

One Woman's Way.

When a woman lives alone in the city, as a great many clerks in the department do, there is one problem above all others with which she is confronted—namely, that of going about at night. It is not always that there are fellow clerks in the same boarding house who feel inclined to go to the theater or go calling at the same time, though "hen parties," as the exclusively female theater expeditions are facetiously termed, are a frequent makeshift. Of course there are a good many nice young men who would gladly serve as escorts, but they are not always wanted, and sometimes when they are wanted they are not to be had.

There is one woman at least who has solved the problem for herself in a way that is somewhat novel. A woman alone on the street at night in stylish clothes, such as most of the independent young women of the departments wear, is much more apt to be the subject of unfavorable attention than one not so distinguished. But the average girl does not want to wear all her old clothes for the sake of being inconspicuous, and the young lady in question has provided herself with a long, plain, black cloak and little close fitting widow's cap, with a bewitching white ruching inside it.

Thus armed and equipped she can saunter forth with all her best finery protected beneath the Quakerish cloak, and there is not one man in 500 who would not respectfully give her the whole width of the sidewalk as she walks meekly forth

to some merrymaking.—Washington Post.

A Woman Corset Drummer.

Mrs. Kate B. Henry of New York "drums" up trade for a corset manufacturer. Mrs. Henry's territory is across country from the Battery to Golden Gate, and when she is not in the factory getting special orders filed she is on the road. She is a pretty little woman, quick witted, intelligent, a good talker and very businesslike. She doesn't read books, but people. The trade is her study. When she starts out to get an order from a dealer, she succeeds, knowing at the start whether it is worth while giving her time to him. People want sympathy above everything else, and her plan is to supply it—with smiles and eloquent silence. The man who keeps the store pours out his troubles, feels better and full of gratitude and asks, "What have you got?" The woman in trade have nerves, hired girls, babies and debts, and after hearing all about them the enterprising little drummer manages to sell something. Mrs. Henry is too shrewd to attempt any dress reforming. She finds out what the trade wants and talks it up, whether it is a double breasted corset, with a high neck and suspenders, made of jeans and loaded with steel and straw, or a low cut, short hip featherweight French design in fine coutille. Her sales are as large as any man's in the establishment. Her bill of expense are smaller, she is well paid and highly thought of by her associates and customers.—New York World.

A Woman Dog Fancier.

A New York woman has recently turned her attention to the breeding of the tiny dogs which of late years have been so fashionable, and a recent bench show demonstrated her success beyond peradventure. She has sold a collie for her kennel for \$300, and other sales of equal importance are now being negotiated. As a dog fancier she brings to bear all the intelligence of a man and more sympathy. The mothers of the wee dogs receive an amount of care at her hands that they have never known before, and the result is that the various breeds cannot help being improved. Why should not this field of labor suggest similar ones to women? Why may not those of gentler sex so inform themselves that they may successfully superintend the propagation of all classes of salable animals? Woman's native compassion and her conscientious attention to detail would fit her eminently for the performance of such tasks. It is to be hoped that the woman dog fancier's example will be followed.—Jennett Miller Monthly.

Quaker City Wheelwomen.

It is a remarkable thing on fair days to see how rapidly and with what skill as well as grace the women and the girl bicyclists (and there are a great many of them) go spinning along Broad street. It is especially odd to see them pass horse after horse, passing all sorts of vehicles by, until finally they are out of sight. Indeed a skillful girl cyclist has been known to go from Broad and Spruce streets to the park on her wheel in nearly one-half the time it takes a horse at an ordinary jog trot to cover the same distance. The women and girls fond of this sport do not bother themselves much about clothing, and lots of the young girls may be seen any day riding in their usual everyday garb without any special accessories or "suits," such as in the early days of the sport were often considered requisite.—Philadelphia Times.

Women Stenographers.

Printers' Ink, commenting on the fact that the first woman to act as the official stenographer of the New York senate is Miss Mabel Randolph, says: "Women do this sort of work better than men. The woman stenographer is as correct, as rapid, more attentive to business and as capable of hard work and long hours. About the best thing that has happened for the business office in this generation is the introduction of the woman typewriter and stenographer. It has opened a new field for women's work and has made them more independent, more self respecting. They have lost nothing by the change, and by their presence offices have become more orderly, tidy, quiet, even more businesslike."

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